



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln No.: 10/657,629 ) **Confirmation No. 9459**  
Filed: September 8, 2003 )  
Applicant(s): Wrobley et al. )  
Title: Auto Rack Hinge Arrangement )  
Art Unit: 3612 )  
Examiner: Gordon, Stephen T. )  
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Attorney Docket: 79295 )  
Customer No.: 22242 )

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Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- A Petition for Extension of Time for reply within the 1 month is attached.
- No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

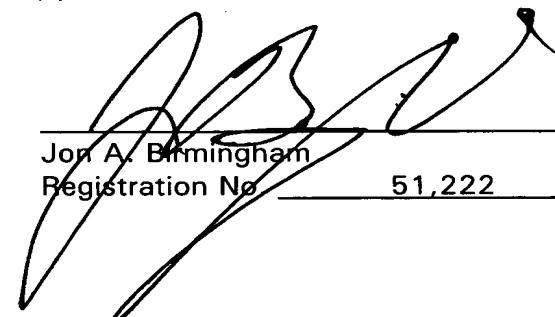
	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	** =	<u>0</u>	x \$ 200.00 =
Total Claims	<u>4</u>	<u>20</u>	* =	<u>0</u>	x \$ 50.00 =
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$ 360.00	
** At least 3			Total Additional Fee		
* At least 20					

- Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to:

Application No. 10/657,629  
Reply dated January 26, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of October 14, 2004

- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**REPLY**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.